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SUBJECT: U.S. TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE (TRIF); OTHER TECHNICAL
TRADE DATE

1. U.S. TRIF -- U.S. MTN DEL APPRECIATES THE WORK THAT WENT
INTO PREPARATION OF MARCH 1976 EDITION OF U.S. TRIF. WE
HAVE FOUND IT A HANDY REFERENCE IN THAT ALL INFORMATION
REGARDING A PARTICULAR TSUS NUMBER IS CONCENTRATED IN ONE
SPOT.

2. WE NOTE THAT THE MARCH EDITION IS BASED ON THE TSUS
NOMENCLATURE AND RATES AS OF DEC. 31, 1975. WHILE
CURRENT DATA MAKES THE FILE MORE USEFUL FOR WORK WITHIN THE
DELEGATION, IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH POSITION U.S. HAS
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TAKEN IN TARIFFS GROUP THAT JAN. 1, 1974, SHOULD BE BASE

DATE FOR UNBOUND ITEMS IN MTN TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD PREFER TO TRANSMIT TO GATT SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELEGATIONS A U.S. TRIF IN TERMS OF JAN. 1, 1974. AS NOTED IN GATT DOCUMENT MTN/TAR/W/13 DATED 23 MARCH 1976, MOST DELEGATIONS HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR TRIF IN TERMS OF THAT DATE.

3. OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE NOT INCLUDED NTBS IN THEIR TRIF AS WE HAVE. WE WOULD PREFER THAT ANNOTATIONS REFLECTING ASP, SECTION 22 QUOTAS, TEMPORARY QUOTAS ON CANADIAN LIVESTOCK AND SWINE, EMBARGOES ON USSR AND CHINA FURSKINS, ETC., BE DELETED FROM U.S. TRIF WHICH WE TRANSMIT TO SECRETARIAT.

4. ASSUMING MARCH 1976 EDITION CONTAINS VERY FEW NOMENCLATURE AND RATE CHANGES AS OF DEC. 31, 1975, COMPARED TO JAN. 1, 1974, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE MARCH 1976 EDITION BE AMENDED TO REFLECT TSUS AS OF JAN. 1, 1974. PAGES 4-21 OF U.S. TRIF EXPLANATORY NOTES SHOULD ALSO BE REVISED TO REFLECT CHANGES.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT USITC INTENDS TO COMPLETE SHORTLY A REVISED U.S. TRIF WITH NOMENCLATURE CHANGES AND GSP AS OF JAN. 1, 1976. DELEGATION WOULD VERY MUCH WANT TO HAVE FOR INTERNAL USE SUCH AN UPDATED JAN. 1, 1976, TRIF TO CONTAIN NTB DATA AS WELL. SINCE TARIFFS GROUP HAS MADE NO DECISION TO SUBMIT UPDATED TRIFS BEYOND JAN. 1, 1974, WE WOULD HOLD SUCH AN UPDATED U.S. TRIF WITHIN DELEGATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS TARIFFS GROUP DECIDES TO UPDATE FILES. WE WOULD STILL WANT TO DELETE THE NTB DATA FROM SUCH UPDATED FILE BEFORE TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARIAT OR TO OTHER DELEGATIONS WHO ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE UPDATED TRIFS WITH UNITED STATES.

6. U.S. SUBMISSION OF 1974 TRADE DATA -- IN EXAMINING 1974 TRADE DATA FOR SUBMISSION TO GATT, U.S. MTN DEL DISCOVERED A SECOND UNIT OF QUANTITY FOR TSUS 100.01 FOR CANADA. SECOND UNIT OF QUANTITY THOUGHT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFLECT EITHER COUNTRY OF SHIPMENT WHERE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN UNKNOWN, OR SECOND REPORTING QUANTITY; TSUSA, HOWEVER, INDICATES ONLY "NUMBER" TO BE REPORTED. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. STR MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM -- STR TABLES INCLUDE TWO FIELDS WHERE FURTHER GUIDANCE IS NEEDED:
(1) WHICH COUNTRIES ARE INCLUDED IN "EC-POSSIBLE"

(EECPOSS); (2) WHAT IS THE MEANING OF TC CODE? IF TSUS INFORMATION CODE PAMPHLET STILL AVAILABLE, U.S. MTN DEL WOULD APPRECIATE COPY. WE ASSUME THAT THE STR TABLES ARE STILL BEING COMPILED AND WE ARE AWAITING 1975 EDITION.

8. FOB-CIF -- MTN DEL USING HALF-YEAR FOB-CIF DATA FOR 1975. THESE DATA ARE ON TSUS LINE ITEM BASIS AND WERE HAND-CARRIED TO GENEVA BY MALISH IN OCT. 1975. FULL-YEAR DATA WOULD AID FOB-CIF ANALYSIS TO BE MADE PRIOR TO JULY TARIFFS GROUP MEETING. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO KNOW WHETHER THE FOB-CIF TAPES, PRINTOUTS, AT TSUS 5-DIGIT LEVEL, ARE FREELY AVAILABLE FROM CENSUS, OR DO THEY REPRESENT SPECIAL COMPILATIONS MADE FOR USITC?

9. 1975 AVE TAPE -- USITC NORMALLY PREPARED A DATA TAPE CONTAINING TSUS, TSUSA, ITEM NUMBERS, DESCRIPTIONS, AND AVES CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF TRADE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. WHEN CAN WE EXPECT THE 1975 TAPE?

10. GATT SECRETARIAT (TILL) HAS ASKED FOR HEADER TAPE GIVING AVE VALUATION BASES FOR TARIFF STUDY FILES, TO ACCOMPANY 1974 TSUS TAPE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT RECEIVE HEADER TAPE FOR TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARIAT. CULBERT

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